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H.E. Mr. Dimitar Zhulev,
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Embassy of the People's Republic of Bulgaria,
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Excellency,

The continuing violation of human rights of the Tartar and Turkish ethnic minorities by the Bulgarian regime obliges me once again to express our grave concern about the situation. Reports by a number of independent sources confirm that despite international protests and appeals, the situation has become worse instead of getting better. According to these reports, the Muslim peoples belonging to the Turkish and Tartar ethnic minorities continue to be brutalized with increasing ferocity for wanting to retain their Islamic names, culture and faith. The reports even allege that the authorities have gone so far as to kill people who oppose the so-called Bulgarianisation policy of the regime, including a number of Muslim academics of the Sofia University.

Allow me Your Excellency to point out that what has been happening in Bulgaria for a number of years not only violates the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Helsinki Final Act but also the norms of humanity ahd tolerance.

I, therefore, once again request you to convey our grave concern and anxiety to your government.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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